

FDD Abstract

German Democratic Republic

GDR PIG IRON PRODUCTION (1 p; German; unclassified)

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This document reports excerpts of the meeting of the State Planning Commission, held on 14 December 1951, where the planning problems of the Ministry for Foundries and Ore Mining were discussed. Minister Selbmann declared that he could not accept the proposed plan figures for 1953 and 1954, particularly those for rolled steel, crude steel, and pig iron. After discussion, it was decided that Binz, State Secretary for Material Supply, is to make an exact and critical report of the 1952 and 1953 balance for rolled and crude steel, and pig iron. However, investments cannot be increased, and steel production must either be increased or machine production decreased.

Mr. Selbmann said that the general pig iron situation is not favorable, but some relief has started since the following daily tonnages are now being produced: 130 at Maxhuetten, 40 at Calbe, 160 at EKO (Metallurgical Combine East), and 60 at Donauwoerth/???. Mr. Selbmann emphasized that the pig iron is now of good quality.

The difficulties still existing at EKO are mostly of outside apparatuses, particularly mechanical conveyers. However, it is hoped that daily tonnage will soon reach 200. On the average, 320 tons pig iron are delivered daily to the Ministry of Machine Building.

It was also decided, that since the entire steel casting capacity of the GDR is not being used, offers for steel casting on a contract basis should be made to Poland and Czechoslovakia,

The Secretariat for Foreign Trade should investigate what steps have been taken to import more pig iron.

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